

**SPECIAL ORDERS SESSION  
WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2018**

Chairman Shiloh Ramos called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the County Board Room, Fourth Floor, Courthouse, 415 Jackson Street, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation by Supervisor Locke.

The following Supervisors were present: 34 - Konetzke, Brunn, Borchart, Eisen, Ramos, Defferding, Lenz, Smith, Hogan, Spellman, Albrecht, Gabert, Binder, Wallin, Schorse, Wojciechowski, Gordon, Wingren, Lautenschlager, Norton, Warnke, Robl, Singstock, Powers, Locke, Wise, Finch, Youngquist, Farrey, Keller, Egan, Ellis, Snider and Joas. Excused: 2 – Buck and Rasmussen.

Motion by Supervisor Robl and seconded by Supervisor Albrecht to approve the agenda for this evening's meeting.  
CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

No one from the public addressed the board.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Supervisor Egan reported on his attendance at the Wisconsin Counties Association's District meeting held on Friday, April 27, 2018 in DePere. Mr. Egan congratulated Supervisor Albrecht for being elected to the County Mutual Insurance Board for the East Central District. He encouraged other Supervisor's to attend these meetings.

Supervisor Finch reported on his attendance at the ReThink Breakfast. Mr. Finch felt that the speakers did an excellent job and would like to see some of them speak at a County Board meeting.

Supervisor Wojciechowski announced that the Information Systems Committee will have a meeting, Wednesday, May 9, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at the Winnebago County Administration Building.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Ramos reported that Supervisors Buck and Rasmussen were excused from tonight's meeting.

Chairman Ramos reminded Supervisors that the County Board Tour will be held Monday, May 14, 2018. Please let the County Clerk's office know if you are able to attend.

Chairman Ramos reported on his attendance at the ReThink breakfast. Thank you to the ReThink organization and the Public Health Department for the wonderful job on putting this together.

Chairman Ramos gave his interpretation of County Board Rule Number 10.2 regarding how many times a supervisor can speak on any given item.

**COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN'S APPOINTMENTS**

**Information Systems Committee**

Chairman Ramos asked for the board's approval of his re-appointment of Patrick Brennand, 1904 Doty Street, Oshkosh, to the Information Systems Committee as a citizen member.

Motion by Supervisor Wojciechowski and seconded by Supervisor Finch to approve. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

**Land Conservation Committee**

Chairman Ramos asked for the board's approval of his re-appointment of Bruce Bohn, 8317 County Road E, Omro, to the Land Conservation Committee. This is a two-year term that will expire on April 21, 2020.

Motion by Supervisor Farrey and seconded by Supervisor Finch to approve. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

**PRESENTATION ON ROUNDABOUT DESIGN AND PERFORMANCE**

Doug Senso, Senior Project Manager for RA Smith; and Brad Severson, Professional Engineer for RA Smith, gave a presentation on roundabout safety. The topics that they touched on were "Why Roundabouts", "Crash Information" and "Roundabout Trends".

In Winnebago County, there are 26 constructed roundabouts and more coming. Research has shown roundabouts offer benefits in safety and operations. Crash statistics for Winnebago County show that there has been an increase in total number of crashes, but a decrease in injury crashes. There have been no fatalities after construction of the roundabouts. Common types of crashes are due to incorrect lane choice, changing lanes and failure to yield to all lanes.

To alleviate problems that arise in roundabouts, there needs to be increased education, stronger enforcement and proper engineering. Drivers need to slow down, choose the correct lanes and yield to all lanes.

Trends for future roundabouts are expandable designs--start out small and build from there as to the needs for the

roundabout. Accommodations need to be considered for oversize and overweight vehicles. In 2015, Wisconsin Act 139 was enacted that drivers are to yield to all trucks over 40 feet long or 10 feet wide.

For reference materials relating to roundabouts go to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Website located at <http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/safety/safety-eng/roundabouts/default.aspx>.

Mr. Senso and Mr. Severson then took questions from the board. A copy of their presentation is available in the County Clerk's office.

### **PRESENTATION ON COUNTY'S GENERAL FUND RESERVE**

Vicky Fitzgerald, Director of Finance, handed out a report starting with the year 2013 thru the year 2017 showing the County's general fund reserve. The report shows that for 2016-2017, the county was projected to use \$2.5 million of the fund balance to keep within the levy limits. The County ended up with a \$4.2 million surplus. A big portion of this came from the Human Services Department, as they were reimbursed for items from the state. Another portion of this surplus was from Human Resources for a decrease in Labor costs.

Ms. Fitzgerald then took questions from the board. A copy of the report is available in the County Clerk's office.

### **PRESENTATION ON PER DIEM FORMS AND PROCESSES**

Julie Barthels, Deputy County Clerk, explained the process for recording per diems, mileage and expenses. She encouraged supervisors to use the electronic version of the per diem sheet available from the County Clerk's office. Mrs. Barthels explained the difference between assigned and un-assigned meetings and the need to request permission from the County Board Chairman to attend meetings or conferences.

Mrs. Barthels then took questions from the board. A copy of the presentation is available in the County Clerk's office.

Chairman Ramos recognized John Bodnar, Corporation Counsel, for 36½ years of service to Winnebago County. Mr. Bodnar received a standing ovation for his service and dedication. He will be retiring on Monday, May 14, 2018.

Motion by Supervisor Robl and seconded by Supervisor Finch to adjourn until the Board's next meeting on Tuesday, May 15, 2018. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie A. Barthels  
Winnebago County Deputy Clerk

State of Wisconsin)  
County of Winnebago) ss

I, Julie A. Barthels, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Journal of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors for their Special Orders Session held May 1, 2018.

Julie A. Barthels  
Winnebago County Deputy Clerk